

(b) if so, which oil companies have been granted licence; and

(c) the places selected by each of these oil companies to set up crude oil refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). Apart from the existing operating refineries, Government have issued Letter of Intents for setting up of new Refineries in the Public/Joint Venture as under:

Name of the Company	Refinery Project	Capacity (MMTPA)
IOC	Panipat Refinery	6.00
IOC	East Coast JV Refinery in Orissa	6.00
HPCL	West Coast JV Refinery in Maharashtra	6.00
HPCL	Joint Venture Refinery in Punjab	6.00
BPCL	Joint Venture Refinery in U.P.	7.00
Numaligarh Refinery Ltd.	Joint Venture Refinery in Numaligarh (Assam)	3.00
HPCL	MRPL Refinery in JV (Karnataka)	9.00
BPCL	Joint Venture Refinery in Bina, M.P.	6.00

Import of Crude

147. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether ONGC has prepared a scheme as a part of its efforts to meet the gigantic task of reducing growing dependence on imported crude;

(b) if so, whether the ONGC and Oil India has decided to discover new reserves and increase production;

(c) whether any detailed project reports have been prepared by the Ministry; and

(d) if so, by what time the work on these projects are likely to be started and the details of the projects that are likely to be undertaken in 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. Several schemes have been prepared by ONGC to increase production of crude oil. These are -

1. Implementation of new projects/schemes and additional development of existing fields.
2. Implementation of EOR Schemes and extending some of EOR Schemes from pilot scale to full scale field application.

3. Implementation of specialised technologies such as ERD, side track, horizontal and drain hole drilling.

4. Obtaining services of international experts wherever considered necessary.

(b) ONGC and OIL plan to intensify their exploration/production activities in already proven areas besides extending its efforts into frontier areas like Central Indian basins of Vindhyan and Gondwana, North East, deep water offshore areas, North Bank of Brahmaputra and Ganga Valley in Western U.P.

(c) and (d). The measures taken by the Government to accelerate exploration and production are -

(i) Offering of acreages under exploration bidding rounds. So far 8 exploration bidding rounds and one JV exploration programme have been announced.

(ii) Offering of small and medium sized oil/gas fields for development.

(iii) Launching of Accelerated Programme of Exploration in 1994.

(iv) The projects/schemes of oil production sanctioned by the Government during 1995 and 1996 which are presently under implementation are -

(i) Development of B-119/121 structure.

(ii) Development of B-173A, B-55 and Heera Phase-III structure in Western Offshore.

(iii) Application of Insitu Combustion Technology at Balol and Santhal.

(v) The schemes which are likely to be undertaken in 1997 are -

i. Additional development of Bombay High North-II.

ii. Installation of Booster Compressor in Bassein field.

Letter Received in Kendriya Bhandar

148. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of letters received in the Kendriya Bhandar and by the Government from the Members of Parliament during 1996 till date;

(b) the action taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which the pending letters will be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Kendriya Bhandar received 6 letters from Members of Parliament during 1996 till